

HOUSE BILL 280

By Lamberth

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-12-210 and Section 55-12-211, relative to vehicle insurance verification.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-12-210(a), is amended by deleting the language "fifteen (15)" in subdivision (1) and substituting the language "thirty (30)", and is further amended by adding the following language as new subdivisions:

(3) Prior to issuing the notice described in this subsection (a), the department of revenue is authorized to provide a request for information to the owner of the motor vehicle to aid in determining whether the vehicle is uninsured.

(4) Notwithstanding subdivision (a)(1), if the total number of notices required to be provided under this section in a given period is determined by the department of revenue to be administratively prohibitive, the department of revenue is authorized to provide notices to an administratively practicable number of motor vehicle owners, each of whom shall be selected randomly.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-12-210(b)(1)(A), is amended by adding the following language after the language "§ 55-12-213" and before the language "; and":

. The revenues distributed to the county clerk shall be earmarked for the county clerk's work in administration of the vehicle insurance verification program and shall not revert to the general fund at the end of the budget year if unexpended

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-12-210(c)(1), is amended by deleting the semicolon and substituting the following language:

. The revenues distributed to the county clerk shall be earmarked for the county clerk's work in administration of the vehicle insurance verification program and shall not revert to the general fund at the end of the budget year if unexpended;

SECTION 4. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-12-211(a), is amended by deleting the word "and" at the end of subdivision (1), is further amended by deleting the language "any applicable" and substituting the word "the" in subdivision (2), is further amended by deleting the period at the end of subdivision (2) and substituting the language "; and", and is further amended by adding the following language as a new subdivision:

(3) The applicant provides one (1) of the following:

(A) The owner or operator's proof of financial security in a form approved by the department of revenue;

(B) Proof of exemption from the owner or operator's financial security requirements under this chapter; or

(C) A statement, under penalty of perjury, that the vehicle is not in use on any public road.

SECTION 5. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-12-211(b), is amended by deleting the subsection and substituting the following:

(b) There is imposed a county reinstatement fee in the amount of twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) for reinstatement or renewal of registration of a motor vehicle after a suspension or revocation of the registration under § 55-12-210. This reinstatement fee is in addition to any other fee imposed under this chapter. All revenues from this county reinstatement fee shall be earmarked for the county clerk's work in administration of the vehicle insurance verification program and shall not revert to the general fund at the end of the budget year if unexpended.

SECTION 6. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-12-211(c), is amended by deleting the language ", if applicable,".

SECTION 7. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it, and shall apply to all revenues accrued from county reinstatement fees pursuant to § 55-12-211.